

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Alex Urich

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully petition the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to February 11, 2005, from the Advisory Action dated December 3, 2004. Applicant is requesting an extension of time in order to file a Request for Continued Examination, which is filed herewith. A check in the amount of \$905.00 to cover the extension of time fee and the RCE fee is enclosed herein. Please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0946. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

> Respectfully submitted, **IRELL & MANELLA LLP**

Dated: January 27, 2005

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